BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UTAH COUNTY, UTAH MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, ROOM 1400 OF THE UTAH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING December 31, 2013 - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER DOUG WITNEY, CHAIR

COMMISSIONER GARY J. ANDERSON, VICE-CHAIR

COMMISSIONER LARRY A. ELLERTSON

ALSO PRESENT:

David Shawcroft, Utah County Deputy Attorney
Cort Griffin, Utah County Deputy Attorney
Keven Ewell, Utah County Assessor's Office
Peter A. Jeppsen, Utah County Assessor's Office
Jim Stevens, Utah County Assessor's Office
Steve Mickelson, Utah County Health Department
Dr. Joseph K. Miner, Health Department Exec. Director
Ralph Clegg, Utah County Health Department
Richard Nance, Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment

Peggy Kelsey, Community Development Mark Brady, Assistant Personnel Director Richard Nielson, Utah County Public Works Director Andrea Allen, Utah County Recorder's Office

James O. Tracy, Utah County Sheriff
Darin Durfey, Utah County Sheriff's Office
Mike Forshee, Utah County Sheriff's Office
Dalene Higgins, Utah County Sheriff's Office
Nancy Killian, Utah County Sheriff's Office

Vicky Westergard, Clerk/Auditor's Office - Tax Admin.

Commissioner Witney called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and welcomed those present. The following matters were discussed:

PRAYER/READING/THOUGHT: Peter A. Jeppsen, Utah County Assessor's Office **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Steve Mickelson, Utah County Health Department Nursing Director

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AMENDING AND INCREASING THE 2013 UTAH COUNTY BUDGET IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AND VARIOUS OTHER BUDGETARY FUNDS, AND TO CONSIDER TRANSFERRING UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IN THE SAME FUND (Public Hearing set December 10, 2013)

Commissioner Witney explained that this hearing is to address adjusting the 2013 Budget to end up balanced. Utah County Clerk/Auditor Bryan E. Thompson noted that this process occurs at the end of each year. For 2013, an increase of \$2,400,000.00 from the general fund has been proposed. This is a conservative and cautionary approach to appropriate necessary funds for closing all of the accounts; Mr. Thompson expressed confidence that the actual dollar amount will be significantly less.

Commissioner Anderson mentioned that this is not unexpected action, or implication that Utah County has overspent. There are unknowns when the budget is set and it is within normal procedure to tally the final numbers correctly. Commissioner Anderson clarified that amending the 2013 Budget will not cause tax increases or any large adjustments elsewhere. Bryan E. Thompson added that the fund balance reserves have been built up because of the conservative fiscal nature of Utah County; he concurred that all departments have been frugal.

Commissioner Witney invited public comment at this time; none came forward.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to close the public hearing to discuss amending and increasing the 2013 Utah County Budget in the County's General Fund and Various Other Budgetary Funds as specified on the agenda.

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The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellertson and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Doug Witney Gary J. Anderson

Larry A. Ellertson

NAY: None

AGENDA

1. APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND INCREASING THE 2013 UTAH COUNTY BUDGET IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AND VARIOUS OTHER BUDGETARY FUNDS

Commissioner Ellertson summarized the purpose of the resolution, referencing the Public Hearing held immediately prior to discussion of this item and noting it as a "safety net" for the final adjustments on the budget.

Commissioner Ellertson made the motion to adopt the resolution amending and increasing the 2013 Utah County Budget in the County's General Fund and Various Other Budgetary Funds as detailed in Agenda Item No. 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Doug Witney

Gary J. Anderson

Larry A. Ellertson

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-174

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF REAPPOINTMENTS OF MICHAEL STANSFIELD AND JOHN G. STEVENS TO THE UTAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Ellertson made the motion to adopt the resolution or reappointment of Michael Stansfield and John G. Stevens to the Utah County Planning Commission as detailed in Agenda Item No. 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Doug Witney

Gary J. Anderson

Larry A. Ellertson

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-175

3. PRISON RELOCATION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Commissioner Ellertson explained that the State of Utah has requested a resolution from Utah County regarding the Utah State Prison. He stated that there are some issues to be worked through, but placing this item on the agenda today serves as a placeholder. Commissioner Ellertson provided each member of the Board with a drafted letter addressing concerns about the contracted amount. The state has proposed fifty-nine dollars per day; Commissioner Ellertson would like to suggest an agreement to adequately compensate the county.

Commissioners Anderson and Ellertson reviewed the wording in the drafted letter. Commissioner Ellertson suggested coordinating efforts with the Utah County Sheriff's Office, and Commissioner Anderson noted the magnitude of issues to consider before moving forward. Utah County Sheriff James O. Tracy submitted that the agreement sought by the state could not happen without building additional facilities, and expressed concern about the financial feasibility and liability of such a project.

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Utah County Deputy Attorney Cort Griffin also suggested wording for the resolution, and Utah County Civil Division Chief Deputy Attorney E. Kent Sundberg noted that the draft submitted by the state would need to change drastically.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to adopt a document communicating to the state: the intent of Utah County to explore taking contract prisoners; to meet with the Utah County Sheriff, Spanish Fork City, and other affected parties; and to identify issues and potential solutions in order to enter into a contract as detailed in Agenda Item No. 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellertson and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Doug Witney Gary J. Anderson

Larry A. Ellertson

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-176

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to adjourn the December 31, 2013 meeting of the Utah County Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellertson and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Doug Witney

Gary J. Anderson Larry A. Ellertson

NAY: None

There being no further business nor public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M. The minutes of the December 31, 2013 Commission Meeting were approved as transcribed on January 21, 2014.

	DOUG WITNEY, Commission Chair
ATTEST:	
BRYAN E. THOMPSON	
Utah County Clerk/Auditor	

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